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CONFIRMATION

Re: UK Patent Application No. 0113216.6
Applicant: NEC Corporation

Dear Mr. Orchard:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 2002 enclosing a copy of the Search Report of the above-identified British application.

In order to accomplish the duty to disclose information under 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) in the corresponding U.S. application, we would appreciate it if you could send with a copy of this letter (1) a copy of the Search Report, and

(2) copies of all of the documents cited in the Search Report directly to the following U.S. patent attorney who is now handling the corresponding U.S. application:

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By a copy of this letter, the U.S. patent attorney is requested that upon receipt of the above-mentioned documents from the European attorney, he file them with the U.S. PTO as an Information Disclosure Statement.

Very truly yours,

A. Kawashima
for K. Kawaguchi

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CC: Mr. Michael E. Whitham

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